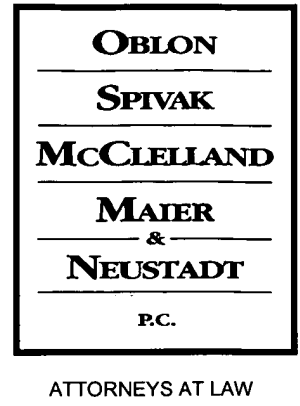




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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of December 30, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed December 30, 2005 states in part:

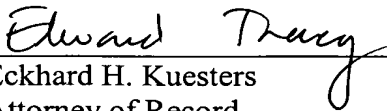
Nevertheless, the amendment is a bit unclear at the first paragraph of page 7. First, the amendment notes that Kobayashi reference has the input to the scrambler being stored in ROM and yet the amendment also notes that the input is NOT stored in the medium. The amendment is wrong (or at least inexact); ROM is a medium. What the applicant seems to have meant is that Kobayashi uses a recorded medium (not writable) where the claimed invention uses a recording medium (writable).

It is noted that the footnote to the first sentence of the first paragraph on page 7 of the Amendment filed September 30, 2005 is incorrect. The intended citation is to page 3, lines 8-9, not page 2, lines 8-9. However, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the comments in the Amendment filed September 30, 2005 are accurate.

The preamble of Claim 2 recites in part "An information recording apparatus for ... recording the scrambled data on *a recording medium*." Accordingly, the sentence noted in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance (and the rest of the discussion in the Amendment filed September 30, 2005), refers to this recording medium as "*the medium*." Thus, although the ROM 111 of Kobayashi may be a medium as noted in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, it is not the optical disk 28 that the data is being recorded on. Accordingly, as noted in the Amendment filed September 30, 2005, Kobayashi does not teach or suggest storing scramble information anywhere on the recording medium, much less teach or suggest a recording controller that "records the scramble pattern information on *the recording medium* between the identification information and the digital data."

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